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SUBJECT: WISCHNEWSKI VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 5400

1. SUMMARY: FURTHER READING ON WISCHNEWSKI VISIT TO JIDDA CONFIRMS EARLIER REPORTS ON SAG VIEWS RE FOURTH COMMISSION, INDEXING. FRG CONCLUDES THAT PRODUCER/LDC SOLIDARITY IS UNIMPAIRED. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUST 12, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH METZGER, MFA ENERGY OFFICIAL, WHO ACCOMPANIED STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI TO JIDDA (REFTEL). WISCHNEWSKI HAS BEEN ON LEAVE IN BLACK FOREST SINCE RETURN AND THEREFORE UNAVAILABLE.

3. METZGER CONFIRMED INFLEXIBLE SAG DEMAND FOR FOURTH COMMISSION. HE REMINDED US THAT FRG DOES
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NOT OPPOSE CONCEPT, AND IN ANSWER TO QUERY HE NOTED

THAT WISCHNEWSKI HAD PUBLICLY EXPRESSED "GREAT UNDERSTANDING" FOR SAG POSITION. METZGER OPINED THAT CURRENT GENEVA MEETING OF "SEVEN" WILL PRODUCE COMMON STAND ON FOURTH COMMISSION PROPOSAL.

4. SAG OFFICIALS HAD HEARD OUT FRG ARGUMENTS AGAINST INDEXATION, BUT HAD IN EFFECT CLAIMED THEIR HANDS WERE TIED BY OPEC DECISIONS AT ALGIERS. SAUDIS HAD STRESSED THEY NOT DOGMATIC ON INDEXATION, BUT UNWILLING TO BUCK OPEC COLLEAGUES ON SUBJECT. (IN ASIDE, METZGER SAID IRANIANS BUTTRESS THEIR CASE FOR INDEXATION WITH TRACT PRODUCED BY A "MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE IN TOKYO." PAPER TRIES TO PROVE GOI PURCHASING POWER LOSS OF 30-50 DUE TO INFLATION IN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, BUT IS -- IN FRG VIEW -- BAD SCHOLARSHIP WRITTEN TO IRANIAN ORDER.)

5. IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH FULL EXCHANGES IN NEW DELHI AND KINSHASA, JIDDA TALKS HAD COVERED RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES CURSORILY.

6. AS TO GENERAL IMPRESSIONS FROM FRG SOUNDINGS, METZGER CLAIMED THAT WISCHNEWSKI HAD FOUND NO RIFTS IN FRONT OF "SEVEN", DESPITE MASSIVE ECONOMIC DISPARITIES BETWEEN LDCS AND OIL PRODUCERS. LDCS WITH WHOM FRG REPS HAVE SPOKEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OPEC DECISIONS HAVE WROUGHT GREAT HARDSHIP ON THEIR ECONOMIES. HOWEVER, THEY STILL SEE THEIR INTERESTS AS BETTER SERVED BY MAINTAINING SOLID FRONT AGAINST INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHO, IN THEIR VIEW, HAVE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR BAILING THEM OUT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC BIND. METZGER CONCLUDED THAT LDCS RETAIN DEEP SUSPICION OF DCS AND WILL BE FURTHER ALIENATED BY ANY SIGN THAT LATTER ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM TO BREAK RANKS WITH OIL PRODUCERS.
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